



How The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act Will Help Providers

Financial Stability

- ✓ **Increase Primary Care Fees**
 - Primary care income is approximately half that of specialist income. The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act will provide Medicare bonuses for primary care services furnished by primary care physicians, and higher bonuses if these physicians predominantly practice in health professional shortage areas.
- ✓ **Reduce Uncompensated Care Debt and Generate Business**
 - Without reform, uncompensated care for all health care providers has been estimated to reach \$141 billion by 2019. The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act will reduce this uncompensated care by covering the uninsured and limiting out-of-pocket expenses for those with coverage.

Making the Healthcare System Work for Provider and Their Patients

- ✓ **Cut the Bureaucracy**
 - A national study found that a physician spends on average 142 hours and \$68,274 annually interacting with health plans. The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act will simplify and standardize paperwork to enable providers to focus on caring for their patients instead of dealing with bureaucracy.
- ✓ **Invest in Patient-Centered Outcomes Research**
 - Provider groups work hard to determine effective treatments and evidence-based medicine. The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act will invest in research to provide the evidence and tools providers need to enable more informed decision-making for themselves and their patients.
- ✓ **Innovate with Advanced Primary Care Models**
 - The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act will provide investments for medical homes and other advanced care coordination and disease management models to help providers ensure that their patients do not fall through the cracks and receive seamless, efficient care.
- ✓ **Promote High Quality Care**
 - The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act will ensure that providers play a key role in establishing medically driven priorities and standards on quality, so that their patients receive the best care possible and providers who deliver high-quality care are justly rewarded.

Investing in the Health Care Workforce

- ✓ **Invest in the National Health Service Corps**
 - Approximately 65 million Americans lack access to a primary care provider because of shortages in their communities. The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act will increase funding for the National Health Service Corps to enable primary care providers to practice in underserved areas.
- ✓ **Increase Scholarships and Loan Repayment Programs**
 - The high costs of education in health care fields often create large student loans, precluding some students from choosing a career in the health professions. The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act will invest in low interest loans, scholarships, and loan repayment programs to alleviate this financial burden and encourage students to enter health care fields. It will also provide incentives to encourage faculty to teach in medical, nursing, and dental schools.